

European Vascular Masterclass

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Welcome

Dear colleagues

on behalf of the faculty and organizers, it is a great privilege and honor to welcome you to the European Vascular Masterclass in Lucerne/Sarnen. For years, this unique workshop has proven to be a very effective postgraduate training method for vascular surgeons. The techniques that are demonstrated are part of the fellowship of the European Board of Vascular Surgery (FEBVS) exam. The success of this European Vascular Masterclass is based on its focus on practical training on state-of-the-art infrastructure and the intensive supervision by a multi-lingual team of European tutors who have a vast experience in both vascular surgery and teaching. The close tutor-student interaction guarantees an intensive learning process. You will operate in pairs of two, using original vascular grafts, sutures, endovascular tools (i.e. wires, catheters, balloons, stents) as well as abdominal and thoracic endografts. The training atmosphere is relaxed and discussion is encouraged. Limited seats are available, so please register early!

Join us for an enriching learning experience. We hope that you are as excited about the Sarnen workshop 2025 as we are and look forward to meeting you there!



Prof. Dr. Jürg Schmidli, Bern, Switzerland

Prim. Priv.-Doz. Dr. Afshin Assadian, Vienna, Austria

PD Dr. Edin Mujagic, Basel, Switzerland (course director)

Content of Workshop

- AAA tube graft
- AAA bifurcated graft
- AAA juxtarenal graft and renal artery bypass
- AAA renal artery bypass and IMA replantation
- Aortic occlusive disease: end to side anastomosis
- Carotid endarterectomy and patch plasty
- Carotid eversion endarterectomy
- Popliteal-tibial bypass
- Femoro-tibial prosthetic bypass / vein cuff
- EVAR / TEVAR on flow models and endosimulators
- Principles of case planning for EVAR/TEVAR
- Use of closure devices
- Ultrasound guided puncture
- Preparation for the UEMS exam

Tutors

(subject to change)

Convenors

Afshin Assadian, Lorenz Gürke, Edin Mujagic, Jürg Schmidli

Tutors

Open

Edin Mujagic (Course Director)

Damiano Mugnai

Robert Schmid

Jürg Schmidli

Hardy Schumacher

Mirko Zimmermann

Endo

Maani Hakimi

Andrej Isaak

Silvan Jungi

Hans Merrelaar

Markus Plimon

Benedikt Reutersberg

Sabine Richarz

Program of the Workshop

Wednesday, January 21

08:00 – 08:30	Registration
08:30 – 10:30	Femoro-popliteal bypass
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	Femoro-distal bypass
13:00 – 14:00	Course Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Carotid endarterectomy with patch
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:30	Carotid eversion endarterectomy

Thursday, January 22

08:30 – 10:15	AAA Tube Graft & implantation of IMA Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30	AAA Tube Graft & implantation of IMA Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
12:30 – 13:30	Course Lunch
13:30 – 15:15	AAA bifurcated graft / hypogastric anastomosis Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 – 17:30	Juxtarenal AAA surgery Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning

Friday, January 23

08:00 – 09:45	AAA Tube Graft & implantation of IMA Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
09:45 – 10:15	Coffee break
10:15 – 12:00	AAA Tube Graft & implantation of IMA Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
12:00 – 12:45	Course Lunch incl. feedback session
12:45 – 14:30	AAA bifurcated graft / hypogastric anastomosis Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
14:30 – 14:45	Coffee break
14:45 – 16:30	Juxtarenal AAA surgery Endo procedures, puncture, use of closure devices, case planning
16:30	End of course

Venue of the Workshop

Vascular International Training Centre
Residenz Am Schärme
'Grüner Saal'
Am Schärme 1
CH-6060 Sarnen
[Location map](#)

Contact phone number during the workshop +41 79 129 14 61

Course Fee

European Vascular Masterclass CHF 1'850.00

Registration

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The number of participants is restricted.

We do accept substitute participants; please inform us as soon as possible.

Payment

Your registration will be confirmed by email with an invoice attached. You also have the opportunity of immediate payment via PayPal (=all major credit cards) upon registration. If you prefer to pay by bank transfer, please make your payment within 10 days after registration in order to ensure your space in the workshop.

Bank: Crédit Suisse, CH-6301 Zug
BIC/Swift: CRESCHZZ80A
IBAN: CH17 0483 5176 1211 7100 0
Account holder: Vascular International School AG, Kerns

Refund policy:

- Fee for cancellations before January 5, 2026. Please be aware of the refund reduction of CHF 100.-
- No refund is granted for cancellations after January 13, 2026.

Supporting Partners

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Organisation

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Supporting Societies

Österreichische Gesellschaft für Gefässchirurgie (ÖGG)
Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Gefässchirurgie (SGG)
European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)
UEMS, Division of Vascular Surgery

Credits

This European Masterclass course is valued with 20 credits by the Swiss Society of Vascular Surgery.

Accommodation

We have reserved a limited number of rooms at the Hotel Kurhaus am Sarnersee, (lunch is included in the course fee). If you would like to reserve a room, please let us know by email to info@kurhaus.info.

Further information at the official [Tourist Information](#)

Requirements by EthicalMedtech

- The program is included in this document
- There is no live music or any other form of entertainment foreseen at any point of the program
- The participant's fee covers the expenses for:
 - the course organisation (administration for registering, IT Support, Insurance, etc.)
 - the tutors travel expenses (there are no proctoring fees paid)
 - the rent for the course venue
 - the material used during the course
 - rent of hands-on models, medical instruments, operating tables
 - rent of didactic infrastructure (operating table, audio/video equipment)
 - cost for consumables, inlays, gloves, needles, instruction manual, etc.
 - the day catering including:
 - croissant with coffee in the morning to start
 - water, coffee and fruits during breaks
 - sandwiches for lunch
- The participant's fee does NOT cover:
 - Any full meals
 - Expense for overnight stay
 - Any travel expenses
- There is no hospitality and social program included in the fees for participants.